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REMARKS

Claims 32-36, 39-50, 59 and 62-68 are pending in the present application. Of these, Claim 59 is allowed. Claims 32-36, 39-50 and 63-68 are cancelled and Claim 62 is amended to recite the step of individually isolating one or more of the recited peptides. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in Example 15 of the specification (pp. 14-17). As discussed above, in a telephonic interview on October 6, 2004 the Examiner said that he would enter this amendment after Final as it does not require additional consideration.

Claim 62 was rejected as obvious over the combination of Mullally et al. and one or more additional references. Mullally et al. does not teach or suggest individually isolating one or more of the peptides recited in Claim 62 as amended. This deficiency is not made up for by any of the secondary references. Thus, the rejection of Claim 62 should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the present Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. If any issues remain, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below in order to resolve such issues promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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